

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A lithographic printing method of performing lithographic printing by supplying emulsion ink to a lithographic printing plate via a form roller, comprising the steps of:

supplying the emulsion ink to the form roller; and

disrupting emulsion on the form roller, with a degree of the emulsion's disruption ~~being changed before and after a start of printing~~ being different from that before the start of printing.

2. (*Original*) The method according to claim 1, wherein the degree of the emulsion's disruption is changed such that the degree after the start of printing is smaller than that before the start of printing.

3. (*Original*) The method according to claim 1, wherein the degree of the emulsion's disruption is changed such that the degree after the start of printing is greater than that before the start of printing.

4. (*Currently Amended*) An ink supplying apparatus for supplying emulsion ink to a lithographic printing plate via a form roller, comprising the form roller from which emulsion ink is supplied, an emulsion disruptor for disrupting emulsion in the emulsion ink on the form roller, and an emulsion ~~emulsion's~~ disruption controller by which a degree of disruption of the emulsion by the emulsion disruptor ~~is changed before and after a start of printing is differentiated~~ from that before the start of printing.

5. (*Original*) A printing press comprising the ink supplying apparatus according to claim 4.

6. (*New*) The ink supplying apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the emulsion disruption controller changes the degree of the emulsion's disruption to be smaller after the start of printing than the degree of the emulsion's disruption before the start of printing.

7. (*New*) The ink supplying apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the emulsion disruption controller changes the degree of the emulsion's disruption to be greater after the start of printing than the degree of the emulsion's disruption before the start of printing.

8. (*New*) The ink supplying apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising an ink fountain with an ink agitator.

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9. *(New)* The ink supplying apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the ink agitator comprises an agitating roller rotating on a shaft parallel to the form roller.

10. *(New)* The ink supplying apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the ink agitator comprises a baffle plate disposed adjacent to the form roller.

11. *(New)* The ink supplying apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the emulsion disruption controller receives a signal from a feeder coupled to the ink supplying apparatus.

12. *(New)* The method according to claim 1, wherein the degree of the emulsion's disruption is changed within 30 seconds before the start of printing.

13. *(New)* The method according to claim 1, wherein the degree of the emulsion's disruption is changed within 10 seconds after the start of printing.